

Education Landscape Directory Introduction

Overview

This directory contains a list of organizations providing information, updates, and guidance on federal and state proposals and actions related to education.

The intent is to support leaders serving children and families, specifically in Kent County, Michigan, in finding up-to-date information as they navigate the rapidly changing landscape of this current moment in preschool through college education.

The reference list is categorized by organization type; categories include both national and local resources.

Suggestions and Comments

If you'd like to suggest a reference to add to this list, or should you have any questions or comments, please reach out to us at foundation@steelcase.com.

Please note that inclusion of sources in the directory does not constitute support or endorsement.

Federal Education Action Trackers

[Executive Actions Chart](#) - EducationCounsel

Frequently updated document tracking education-related federal actions and executive orders; provides summaries, analysis of likely impacts, and status of legal challenges to federal orders.

[Chart on Executive Orders](#) - National Council of Nonprofits

Tracks the federal executive orders pertinent to nonprofit organizations; includes implications, status, and related resources.

[Executive Action Tracker](#) - University Council for Educational Administration

Tracks and summarizes education-related federal actions, including executive orders, agency actions, and personnel appointments. Includes implications for education institutions and constituents, analysis, and expert insights.

[Tracking Trump](#) - The Hechinger Report

Updated weekly, this list by education news source *The Hechinger Report* details federal actions and the impacts on education.

Michigan Education Action Trackers

[Legislative Tracker](#) - Michigan Education Association

Drawing from Gongwer, the MEA compiles Michigan education-related bills by category and provides commentary through the lens of its agenda. Note: click on "Text & Analysis" in the tracker to read details without logging in to Gongwer.

[Legislative Tracker](#) - Michigan Community College Association

Similar to MEA's tracker but specifically for legislation that pertains to community colleges.

[Education Legislation Bill Tracker](#) - National Council of State Legislatures

Tracks education-related bills across all 50 states. Filter the nationwide list by selecting the state and year(s).

Resources: Leading in the Current Moment

[The Collaborative on Political Leadership in the Superintendency](#)

Provides tools, resources, and guides for superintendents leading within challenges and navigating politics.

Highlighted resources:

- [Superintendent's Political Leadership Field Book](#)
- [Tools](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)

[Navigating Changes in 2025: Resources for Philanthropy & Nonprofits](#) - New Breath Foundation

Education News Sources - National

[AP News - Education](#)

The Associated Press, a non-profit news cooperative, is one of the largest and most trusted sources of independent news gathering, supplying news content to thousands of media outlets worldwide. The education section focuses on education news across the United States and internationally, providing factual and balanced reporting on education policy, trends, challenges, and innovations in teaching and learning.

[Chalkbeat](#)

Chalkbeat is a nonprofit news organization that covers “the effort to improve schools for all children, especially those who have historically lacked access to a quality education.”

[Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

The Chronicle of Higher Education is a major news source for college and university faculty members and administrators. Founded in 1966, it's one of the oldest and most respected publications focused on higher education. The publication produces in-depth articles, commentary, and analysis on important issues facing higher education institutions. It serves as both a news source and a forum for sharing ideas within the academic community.

[Ed Surge](#)

EdSurge is a digital media and information company focused on education technology and innovation in education. They provide news, research, and resources for educators, entrepreneurs, and investors. Their content covers K-12 education, higher education, and workforce learning, with a focus on how technology is transforming these areas. EdSurge was founded in 2011 and was acquired by ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) in 2019, which expanded their ability to serve the education community.

[EducationWeek](#)

EdWeek is a prominent, nonprofit American education news organization that has been reporting on K-12 education since 1981. Education Week serves as a comprehensive source for news, information, and analysis on K-12 education policy, research, curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

[Hechinger Report](#)

The Hechinger Report is an independent, nonprofit newsroom focused on education journalism. Founded in 2010 and based at Teachers College, Columbia University, it is named after Fred M. Hechinger, a former education editor at The New York Times. The Hechinger Report covers education from early childhood through higher education through data-driven analysis and

on-the-ground reporting, with special attention to underreported issues and communities.

[Inside Higher Ed](#)

Inside Higher Ed is an independent news organization focused exclusively on higher education. Founded in 2004, it provides daily news, opinion, resources, and career opportunities for professionals in academia. The publication covers topics including admissions, financial aid, education technology, teaching strategies, academic workforce issues, institutional policies, and much more. Inside Higher Ed maintains editorial independence and covers higher education with journalistic objectivity and integrity.

[K-12 Dive](#)

K-12 Dive (formerly Education Dive: K-12) is an industry publication that provides news and analysis for K-12 education leaders. It's part of Industry Dive, a business journalism company that produces specialized news publications across various sectors. K-12 Dive offers daily updates on education policy, technology, curriculum, instruction, and administration. The publication targets education decision-makers, including superintendents, principals, and other administrative leaders in K-12 education.

[New York Times - Education](#)

The New York Times is one of America's oldest and most respected newspapers and is known for its thorough reporting, international coverage, and commitment to journalistic excellence. The New York Times' Education section provides reporting and analysis on trends, research, and policies in education across all levels. It covers topics from early childhood education through graduate school, with particular focus on education policy, inequality in education, teaching innovations, and student life.

[NPR Education](#)

NPR is a non-profit media organization that serves as a national syndicator to a network of over 1,000 public radio stations in the United States. Founded in 1970, NPR produces and distributes news and cultural programming. NPR Education is a dedicated section that covers education news, trends, and stories across all levels from early childhood to higher education. It examines policy changes, innovative teaching approaches, challenges facing students and educators, and broader issues affecting education in America.

[PBS - Education News](#)

PBS NewsHour is the evening news program broadcast on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). The education section provides coverage of education policy, trends, and stories affecting students, teachers, and institutions across the country. PBS NewsHour Education aims to provide in-depth reporting on educational issues with context and analysis.

[Politico - Education News](#)

Politico is a political journalism company that covers politics and policy in the United States and internationally. Their education news section provides coverage focused on education policy at the federal and state levels, examining how politics shapes educational opportunities and outcomes across America.

[The 74](#)

A non-profit news service, The 74 provides coverage of America's education system from early childhood through college/career. "As a national news site, The 74 is dedicated to examining the issues impacting the education of America's 74 million children."

[Washington Post - Education](#)

The Washington Post is a major American newspaper published in Washington, D.C., known for its political coverage, investigative journalism, and international coverage. The education section covers news and analysis related to education policy, classroom practices, higher education, and the challenges facing America's educational institutions.

Education News Sources - State and Local

[Bridge Michigan](#)

Bridge Michigan is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization focused on Michigan issues, with education as one of its core coverage areas. It was launched in 2011 by The Center for Michigan, a nonpartisan think tank. Bridge Michigan provides in-depth coverage of Michigan education issues, from early childhood through higher education. Their reporting examines school funding, educational outcomes, policy debates, equity concerns, and innovations in Michigan's educational systems.

[Chalkbeat - Detroit](#)

The Detroit-focused arm of Chalkbeat, a nonprofit news organization that reports on Detroit and Michigan education, with a specific commitment to report on efforts to improve education for historically marginalized and underserved students.

[Detroit Free Press - Education](#)

The Detroit Free Press is Michigan's largest newspaper. Its education section provides news coverage of education issues in Detroit and throughout Michigan, including public school systems, charter schools, higher education institutions, and state education policies.

[Michigan Public - Education](#)

Michigan Public is Michigan's NPR news source, serving as the state's public radio network. It operates multiple radio stations throughout Michigan and provides news, information, and cultural programming to communities across the

state. Michigan Public's Education section focuses specifically on education news and issues within Michigan, covering topics like public school funding, higher education policy, classroom innovations, and challenges facing students and educators in the state.

[MLive - Michigan Education](#)

MLive is a digital news service covering Michigan news. The education section focuses specifically on K-12 and higher education news within Michigan, covering school districts, universities, policy changes, and educational trends affecting Michigan students and educators.

[School News Network](#)

"School News Network reports on the 20 public school districts in Kent ISD, which enroll more than 102,000 students. Founded in 2013 as an initiative of Kent ISD, we are supported by local districts and community sponsors, and powered by an experienced team of reporters, editors and multimedia journalists. We specialize in covering classroom teaching and learning, analyzing the many issues facing students and highlighting the education magic that happens each day in our public schools."

Policy, Advocacy, Nonprofit Organizations & Think Tanks - National

[Afterschool Alliance](#)

The Afterschool Alliance, founded in 2000, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of out-of-school time programs and advocating for more afterschool and summer investments. Their work centers on research, communications, and policy development.

Highlighted resources:

- [Policy Pulse Webinars](#): a monthly recap of current policy developments impacting OST programs, held Every second Friday at noon ET.
- [Current Policy Landscape Page](#): federal policy developments and actions related to OST programs
- [Afterschool Works for America Map](#): projected federal budget impacts by state on OST programs

[All4Ed](#)

“All4Ed is a national nonprofit advocacy organization committed to expanding equitable educational opportunities for students of color, students from low-income families, and other marginalized groups. We advance transformation from the classroom to Congress by advocating for federal, state, and local policies and practices that ensure all students graduate high school prepared for college, work, and life.”

Highlighted resources:

- [Podcast](#)
- [Video Shorts](#)

[Bellwether](#)

Bellwether is a national nonprofit focused on dramatically changing education and life outcomes for underserved children. The organization partners with education organizations, agencies, and leaders to accelerate their impact and build capacity for long-term success. Bellwether's work spans policy analysis, strategy and program design, implementation support, and systems change.

Highlighted resources:

- [Insights](#) - includes News, Publications, Blog, and Press
- [State Education Finance Newsletters](#)

[Brookings Institution](#)

The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, DC. Founded in 1916, Brookings conducts in-depth research that leads to innovative ideas for solving problems facing society at the local, national, and global levels. Brookings brings together more than 300 leading experts in government and academia from all over the world. Research findings and recommendations are based on open data sources and are subject to rigorous peer review by both internal and external subject matter experts.

[The Century Foundation](#)

“The Century Foundation is a progressive, independent think tank that conducts research, develops solutions, and drives policy change to make people’s lives better. We pursue economic, racial, gender, and disability equity in education, health care, and work, and promote U.S. foreign policy that fosters international cooperation, peace, and security.”

[The Children’s Equity Project](#) - Arizona State University

“The Children’s Equity Project is led in partnership with researchers and advocates at several universities and organizations across the United States. Our work focuses on closing opportunity gaps and advancing equity in all of the systems that impact the lives of children and families so that all children, particularly those from historically and contemporary marginalized communities, can thrive. The CEP works at the intersection of research, practice, and policy. We engage in rigorous original research, partner with policy makers at every level of government to support data and research informed policy changes that will advance opportunity for children from historically marginalized communities; and engage with communities to deliver training, technical assistance, and professional development. We are informed by families’ voices through our family advisory committee, lived experiences, data, and research, and have deep expertise in child development, policy, and systems.”

[Economic Policy Institute](#)

The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank created in 1986 to include the needs of low- and middle-income workers in economic policy discussions. EPI’s work spans federal, state, and local economic policies that affect jobs, wages, and working conditions.

[EducationCounsel](#)

EducationCounsel is an education consulting firm that works in the areas of policy, strategy, law, and advocacy “to drive significant improvements in the U.S. education system to help all children thrive.”

Highlighted resources:

- [Executive Actions Chart](#)
- [Publications related to federal Executive Orders](#)

[Education First](#)

Education First is a national policy and strategy consulting firm working with states, policy makers, education systems, and funders to provide solutions and strategies that advance equity and inclusion in public education.

Highlighted resources:

- [Facts in the Flood Series](#): analysis of federal education policy under the Trump Administration
- [Federal Policy Resource Hub](#): list of resources and articles on federal education action and impacts by topic

[Education Trust](#)

The Education Trust is a national nonprofit that works to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect historically marginalized students. Through research and advocacy, the organization aims to increase equity in education from preschool through college. They analyze education data, locally and nationally, to bring disparities to light; work to influence state and federal education policy; and partner with educators, families, policy makers, and community members on practical steps to reshape the education system toward equity.

Highlighted resources:

- [Blog](#)
- [Press Room](#)

[First Focus Campaign for Children](#)

First Focus Campaign for Children is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. As the advocacy arm of First Focus on Children, the organization directly engages policymakers to drive change in programs and policies that affect children's health, education, family economics, child welfare, and child safety. They combine traditional advocacy with targeted digital and grassroots engagement to build political will for investing in children and families.

Highlighted resource:

- [First Focus Legislative Scorecard](#) - tracking and rating bills currently in US Congress

[Healthy Students, Promising Futures](#)

Healthy Students, Promising Futures is an initiative of the [Healthy Schools Campaign](#). The initiative develops policy implementation resources and provides technical assistance to states and school districts expanding Medicaid. They also convene a Learning Collaborative that brings together state teams representing state and local education agencies, state Medicaid agencies, school-based health providers, and community organizations to develop sustainable school health services.

[Institute for Higher Education Policy](#)

IHEP is a policy and advocacy organization based in DC. The organization provides research to inform policy, with the goal to increase college access and success for all students, with a focus on marginalized groups.

Highlighted resource:

- [News](#)

[National Alliance for Medicaid in Education](#)

The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) is a nonprofit organization that brings together state Medicaid and education agencies, school districts, and stakeholders committed to improving access to Medicaid services in schools. Through professional development, technical assistance, and advocacy,

they help schools maximize appropriate Medicaid reimbursement for eligible services while maintaining compliance with federal requirements. They also promote partnerships between the education and healthcare systems.

[Urban Institute](#)

The Urban Institute is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to developing evidence-based insights that improve people's lives and strengthen communities. Since 1968, it has been a trusted source for unbiased, rigorous research and analysis that illuminates economic and social policy issues affecting Americans and the organizations that serve them.

Policy, Advocacy, Nonprofit Organizations & Think Tanks - Michigan

[EdTrust - Midwest](#)

As the Michigan affiliate of the national Education Trust, they work to address inequality in Michigan's public education system through analysis, policy, commentary, research, and advocacy.

Highlighted resources:

- [Ed Trust Midwest - In the News](#)
- [Blog and Weekly News](#)
- [Press Releases](#)

[K-12 Alliance of Michigan](#)

“The K-12 Alliance of Michigan is a coalition of education leaders committed to fighting for strong K-12 schools across Michigan. Comprised of Superintendents from every district in Genesee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties, they are collectively responsible for educating over half of Michigan’s students.” It works with individual districts, seeks to shape policies, advocates to the state and federal legislatures, and creates partnerships with business organizations.

[Launch Michigan](#)

“Launch Michigan is a cross-partisan, nonprofit organization that includes education, business, labor and philanthropic leaders working together to reimagine Michigan’s system of public education to prepare every child for success after high school.” In 2018, Launch Michigan published the Launch Michigan Framework, “a roadmap for reinventing our system” that represents the perspectives of leaders in business, education, labor unions, and philanthropy.

Highlighted resources:

- [News & Commentary](#)
- [Grants Clock](#): tracks MDE grants awarded to school districts from award date to completion

[Michigan Afterschool Partnership](#)

“The Michigan Afterschool Partnership advocates for equitable systems that support and expand quality out-of-school time experiences for all youth in the state.”

Highlighted resource:

- [News and policy](#)

[Michigan Alliance for Families](#)

Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource offering information, support, and education for families who have children with disabilities. As Michigan's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center and Michigan Department of Education IDEA Grant Funded Initiative, they empower parents and families to be effective advocates for their children with disabilities.

[Michigan College Access Network](#)

MCAN's goal is that by 2030, 60% Michigan residents will possess postsecondary certificates or degrees. Founded in 2010, MCAN convenes leaders and organizations in the college access and success field, develops and supports Local College Access Networks, provides support to schools via professional development and college advisors, disseminates research and data, and administers grants. MCAN also engages in advocacy efforts and works with state policymakers to advance postsecondary access and completion.

Highlighted resource:

- [News](#)

[Michigan Education Justice Coalition](#)

“The Michigan Education Justice Coalition is a statewide network committed to advocating for equitable public education policies and funding to create safe and healthy learning environments. We envision a Michigan where public schools get the support they need, strengthening communities and making them better places to live for all of us.” MEJC's Advocacy focuses on its Healthy & Healing Community Schools platform, which was created based on listening sessions across Michigan.

Highlighted resources:

- MEJC's [MI Education Budget Asks 2025-26](#)
- April 2025 [Advocacy Volunteer Packet](#) with Links

[Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative](#)

A non-profit organization, The Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative's mission is to “design, implement, fund, and support innovative programs to recruit, develop, retain, and elevate both new and veteran teachers and school leaders.”

[Michigan Partnership for Equity and Opportunity](#)

A coalition of about 30 Michigan-based civil rights, social justice, philanthropic, civic and business leaders working to promote educational equity for all Michigan students, especially the most underserved.

Teach Plus Michigan

Teach Plus provides “teachers with training and opportunities to change and influence policies at the school, district, and state level—achieving change in schools and in the broader education system.”

Highlighted resource:

- [Media](#): press releases, blog, op-eds

Associations, Membership Organizations, & Labor Unions - National

[National Conference of State Legislatures](#)

“The National Conference of State Legislatures, created by state legislators and legislative staff in 1975, serves America’s 50 states, commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia. Every state legislator and staffer is a member of the organization and has complete access to the latest in bipartisan policy research, training resources and technical assistance tailored specifically to their needs.”

Highlighted resources:

- [State Education Legislation Tracker](#)
- [News](#)

[National Council of Nonprofits](#)

The National Council of Nonprofits is the nation’s largest network of nonprofits, bringing together over 25,000 members through state associations along with collaborative partners. NCN seeks to support nonprofits through advocacy in every branch and level of government, research, resources, and convening.

Highlighted resources:

- [Impacts of the Recent Executive Orders on Nonprofits](#)
- [Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits Tracker](#)
- [Press Room](#)

[American Council on Education](#)

“The American Council on Education (ACE) is a membership organization that leads higher education with a united vision for the future. We galvanize our members to make change and we collaborate across the sector to design solutions for today’s challenges, serve the needs of a diverse student population, and shape effective public policy. As the major coordinating body for the nation’s colleges and universities, our strength lies in our diverse membership of more than 1,600 colleges and universities, related associations, and other organizations in the United States and abroad.”

Highlighted resources:

- [Weekly News](#) - Lists top stories in higher education each week
- [News Room](#)

[National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

Highlighted resource:

- [Press Releases](#)

[NEA](#) - National Education Association

Highlighted resource:

- [NEA Today](#)

[AFT](#) - American Federation of Teachers

Highlighted resources:

- [Press Center](#)
- [News](#)

[National Governors Association](#)

Highlighted resource:

- [K-12 Education page](#)

[Association of Educational Service Agencies](#)

Highlighted resource:

- [Newsletter](#)

[National Association of Secondary School Principals](#)

[American Association of School Administrators](#) - The School Superintendents Association

Associations, Membership Organizations, & Labor Unions - Michigan

[Michigan Association of School Boards](#)

- Navigating Federal Executive Orders - [National Activities](#)

[Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education](#)

[Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators](#)

- [Updates](#)

[Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators](#)

- [News](#)

[Michigan Education Association](#)

- [Newsroom](#)

[Michigan Community College Association](#)

- [Inside Story Newsletter](#)

- MCCA [Press Releases](#)

Education Law Organizations

[ACLU](#)

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to defending and preserving the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States. For over 100 years, the ACLU has worked in courts, legislatures, and communities to protect the constitutional rights of all people. The ACLU's work seeks to challenge government overreach, defend civil liberties, and preserve the fundamental rights of every individual.

[Education Law Center](#)

A nonprofit organization founded in 1973, the Education Law Center works across the country through litigation, advocacy and coalition work, communication, and research “in support of public school funding equity, against education privatization and student discrimination, and to further students’ rights.”

Highlighted resources:

- [News](#)
- [Publications](#)

[National Center for Youth Law](#)

The National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) is a nonprofit law firm dedicated to transforming the lives of marginalized children and youth through legal advocacy, research, and public policy development. Since its founding in 1970, NCYL has worked to ensure that systems designed to support vulnerable young people actually provide the protection and opportunities they need to thrive.

Highlighted resources:

- [Education page](#)

Federal Government

[The White House - Executive Orders](#)

[U.S. Dept of Education](#)

- [Newsroom](#) - Press Releases, media advisories, and speeches

[Education Commission of the States](#)

Education Commission of the States (ECS) is a nonpartisan interstate compact dedicated to education policy research, reporting, and technical assistance. Founded in 1965, ECS tracks state education policies, translates academic research, and creates opportunities for state leaders to learn from one another. Commissioners from each state “serve as the state representatives for the Education Commission of the States and provide leadership for the organization and their own states' education agendas. Collectively, the organization [ECS] and staff are an extension of a Commissioner's education policy team.”

Highlighted resources:

- [Blog](#)
- [State Education Policy Tracking](#)
- [Michigan Resources](#)
- [Governor's State of the State Address - Education Proposals](#)

Michigan Government

Michigan Department of Education

- [Press Releases](#)
- [Memos](#)
- [News and Information](#)
- [MILEAP](#) - Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential